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THE RACE IS ON. . . .

SBA Presidential Candidates Speak Out

BRYK

As a presidential candidate, I offer leadership and administrative experience in using the SBA's limited resources for the common good.

As an undergraduate, I was Student Government President and learned how to negotiate with an administration. I served ex-officio on my college's Board of Trustees' sub-committees on scheduling and women's sports. As editor-in-chief of the student newspaper, I built it from a monthly to a weekly.

I know how to run things and enjoy doing it.

Fordham's problem is alienation—the lack of a sense of community. It must be more than a trade school for lawyers.

The administration should be more honest. Only cynicism grows out of such things as its propaganda that activities beginning at 5:00 p.m. are available to evening students—a time when most of them are just leaving work.

Most of us are here to get better jobs. The SBA must work closely with the Placement Office to help determine how it may even more effectively respond to our needs.

An effective student press enhances a sense of community. The SBA should help The Advocate identify and solve the problems that inhibited its publication during much of the last year. Since this campaign began last week, The Advocate has published twice. My criticisms of the paper undoubtedly had

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GALLIGAN

My name is Anne Galligan and I am running for President of the Student Bar Association. My work as Secretary of the Executive Board during the past year has shown me the potential good and overwhelming help that the SBA can be for the student body of Fordham Law School. For the SBA to run efficiently, hard work and many hours must be given by the president and all members of the organization. I have the time and energy to be a successful and innovative president. My experience in college student government as a class and executive board rep. has given me the tools needed to work with the administration and others for the benefit of the students. I am also very experienced in running social activities and hiring speakers.

My main concern as president would be for the STUDENTS—better communication is needed between the SBA and the entire school. A weekly newsletter keeping the students informed can and should be printed. Students should feel that they have an ear for their questions and concerns. Students can be assured that their ideas will be addressed and brought before the administration if I am elected president.

I have first-hand knowledge of how the SBA runs. As president I can make the necessary changes to create a more involved, more fun, and more active Student Bar Association. Given the chance I will constantly give the TIME and EFFORT to be the best president the SBA could have.

IERARDI

By way of introduction, my name is Mark J. Ierardi, currently SBA Treasurer, and I am a candidate for President of the SBA. My objective is to continue to serve the students of Fordham Law School on a different level in order to enhance student life.

Serving as Treasurer of the SBA reinforced my belief that a service organization can only be effective if it responds to the immediate needs and expectations of the body through maximum utilization of resources.

Through my interaction with the members of the student body and the many student organizations, I have become keenly aware of their interdependence. As a result I sponsored an amendment to the SBA Constitution that provides that each first year mini-section will elect a student representative to the SBA in order to open lines of communication between the students and the SBA. Beyond that, I believe the daily accessibility of the SBA president is essential. I have made myself available on campus, at the SBA office, at home and at work to meet my responsibilities as treasurer and I will commit myself to the same standards as your president.

The most important source of new ideas at Fordham Law is the student body. To illustrate, many of the students expressed a desire for a microwave oven available for student use, the student need prompted SBA action through utilization of an external resource, The

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OBEIDALLAH

I am seeking the office of President of the Student Bar Association for the 1988-89 Academic Year. I am confident that I can lead the SBA to assist all students both academically and socially.

This year I served as Vice-President of the SBA and I am proud of the many things I accomplished. First, I initiated and organized our successful school-wide petition which was instrumental in voicing student concern and preventing the faculty from rescheduling fall semester exams in January. This also resulted in our summer break being extended by two weeks. Second, I organized and moderated the forum entitled "How to Prepare for First Year Exams" with Prof. Vairo. Third, as Chairman of the Faculty-Student Committee, I raised many issues and problems that were of concern to us. Fourth, I chaired the Constitutional Committee and led the revision of the SBA Constitution which has resulted in the expansion of the SBA Executive Board to include a Vice-President of the Evening Division. This position ensures that the special concerns of the evening division students will be adequately represented at SBA meetings.

As president, I will pursue goals that will assist all Fordham Law students. In the academic area, I will establish and run a "Used Book Exchange" through the SBA. At the beginning of each semester, the SBA will collect and sell students' used books at their requested price. This will enable students to pur-

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nothing to do with this happy coincidence. It's nice to see it coming out again.

We should reconsider whether several organizations funded during 1987-88 should be funded in 1988-89. Openly political groups, such as the Democratic and Republican Clubs, the National Lawyers Guild, and the Federalist Society, should pay their own way. And the Gay and Lesbian Law Association, which the SBA quietly recognized with the administration's quiet consent, should be defunded. By its nature, GALLA must defend practices justly condemned by our society's traditional values. By contrast, other groups, such as AALSA, BALSAs, LALSAs, and the Fordham Law Women, need our support. They deal with social questions rather than partisan struggles. They provide information about where the law has sometimes gone wrong—where bad laws have been enacted and good law distorted to deny justice to the minorities who are not white and the majority who are women. They present forceful and constructive arguments about eradicating racism and sexism from the law. I don't agree with all of their agendas. But their work is good and needs encouragement.

My campaign has offered a choice, not an echo. I have raised issues others would avoid—particularly The

Advocate's near-disappearance and GALLA's silent emergence. We should freely criticize politicians for their failings because they spend our money and affect our lives. Fordham's student activists, University administrators, even journalists—all of whom likewise spend and affect—should not feel themselves somehow exempt.

These elections are the only input most students have into Fordham life. I believe students are entitled to know where a candidate stands on questions and controversies.

With a firm commitment to hard work, striving for the enhancement of our quality of life, and reasserting Fordham's finest traditions, I ask for your votes on April 11-14.

**VOTE
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VOTE**

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Marriot Food Service. After I analyzed both the cost and the maintenance implications which the SBA would have faced I approached the manager of the Marriot Food Service and discussed the student desire. Marriot has purchased and will maintain the student microwave oven which is now in our cafeteria. The SBA has no financial or maintenance obligations and the money saved was used for other student activities.

The SBA has also tapped other outside resources for partial or complete sponsorship such as BAR/BRI (Two TANGS and the Student Directory), SMH/KAPLAN Bar Review and Coor's Beer (one TANG each). I believe that this is only the beginning of many opportunities to access the many area businesses who benefit from Fordham patronage such as Barnes and Noble, Pieper Bar Review, McGlades, Roy Roger's, Pizza Hut, and Paramount Theatres, who should be amenable to sponsoring events and/or providing favorable discounts. Such sponsorship enables the SBA to maximize the value of your student fee.

We all invest a great deal of time, effort and money in our quest to become attorneys. However, the many hours we spend in the library or on the subway sometimes make this task seem without

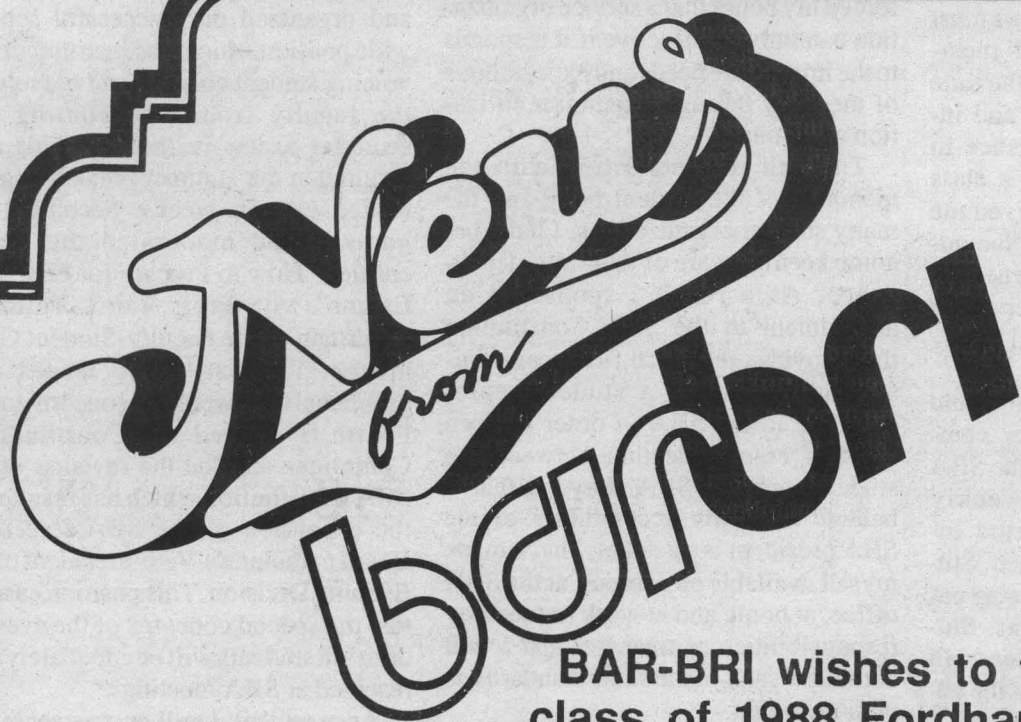
reward. My objective as president is to provide dividends in the form of expanded social and professional activities, intramurals and community service in addition to serving as an activist of student rights. The key to success is a willingness to take the time and make the effort—and this I pledge to do.

Obeidallah

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chase used books at a fraction of their original price. Also, during final exams the SBA should provide more than just "TANGs". I will initiate creative social activities that increase student interaction. For example, the SBA could purchase groups of tickets to various NYC sporting and entertainment events and make these tickets available to students at a discounted price. Furthermore, I will organize monthly Faculty-Student receptions to increase contact with faculty members and students. Finally, Intramural Leagues will be better organized in order to increase participation and expand the schedules for each sport.

I ask for your vote for President in order to give me the opportunity to accomplish these goals and lead the SBA to assist all of us.



BAR-BRI wishes to thank the more than 260 class of 1988 Fordham Law School graduates who have enrolled in our summer 1988 New York Bar Review Course.

Good luck with final exams and congratulations on graduation.

Stan Chess, Director
Steve Rubin, Associate Director

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EDITORIAL

On April 11-14, all Fordham Law students have an important opportunity to make an urgent contribution to the quality of life at the school. The Student Bar Association elections are upon us, and with them the annual chance to make student voices heard.

Given the relatively small size of the law school and the relatively large size of the budget which the officers of the SBA oversee and control, it is of paramount importance that the winners in this week's election represent the true choice of the students. It should not be that one candidate, who may be the man or woman of choice of a majority of students, is not elected simply because students are too lazy to take five minutes to cast their ballot.

The student government at Fordham plays a major role in the lives of all of us—especially in the limited area of our much-curtained social lives. But much more importantly, it is the SBA who allocates funds to student groups, selects members to serve on the powerful Faculty-Student Committee and generally acts as the student's most effective voice in speaking to the administration on issues which are of importance.

This year's field of presidential candidates all offer strong experience and good qualifications in the running of student government. And unlike their counterparts in the U.S. Presidential election, they present a divergent range of views on a whole spectrum of issues.

The Advocate has taken this opportunity to present the views of the candidates for SBA President, in the form of unedited position papers written by each candidate. These papers have each been presented in their entirety in the hope that students will take the time to read them, come to an informed decision on which candidate deserves their support, and then, most importantly, to vote their choice.

Although all of the candidates for all offices are listed at the right, what is not reflected is the fact that two of the candidates are running on a full ticket. Mark Ierardi is heading up a slate which includes Lynore Cirincione, George Proios, Joe Gillette and Rose Armao. Dean Obeidallah is running with Paul D'Emilia, Paul Huck, Liz Coradino, and Julia Cornachio. William Byrk and Anne Galligan are independent candidates for president, while Robert Holdman is an independent candidate for evening division vice-president.

It should be made clear that, while certain candidates are running on a ticket, and others are not, students may cast their vote for any individual candidate. The slates reflect a confidence which each candidate has in fellow slate members but does not bind voters to vote a whole slate in order to support one particular candidate.

This year's campaign has been brief and to the point. Many legitimate complaints have levelled at various school institutions, and candidates have responded with good proposals and ideas to help to solve existing problems as well as generally improve life at the Fordham Law School.

Now it is up to all of us to support Fordham, and the democratic process itself, by casting our votes in the 1988 SBA elections.

Good luck to all the candidates.

CANDIDATES

President

V.P.

William Byrk

Anne Galligan

Mark Ierardi

Dean Obeidallah

Lynore Cirincione

Paul D'Emilia

Evening V.P.

Robert Holdman

Paul Huck

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